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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman, COMOR  
THRU: Executive Director, NPIC  
FROM: Chief, CIA/PAD(NPIC)  
SUBJECT: Off-Shore Photography of Communist China

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In response to a verbal request to this Division through [redacted] NPIC, a brief study of the feasibility of collecting against COMOR highest priority targets of Communist China by means of a high-flying off-shore vehicle was undertaken.

Of the <sup>42</sup>~~33~~ Communist China highest priority targets only <sup>14</sup>~~13~~ lie within 50 miles of the coastline or China border-line. Of these ~~13~~, <sup>14</sup> six targets are on or near the Gulf of Chihli, an overflight of which would probably be considered a violation of territorial waters. The remaining <sup>5</sup>~~seven~~ targets (Yu-lin, Chan-chiang, Liu-chou, Chou-shan Islands, Shang-hai, Tsing-tao, and Lac-Kay, North Vietnam) could be picked up by off-shore oblique photography.

There are numerous other targets on the general China target list; however, most of these would fall on the second and third oblique position and the usefulness of the coverage would be limited.

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